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RUMANIA DECLARES WAR AGAINST AUSTRIA; GERMANY, TURKEY AND BULGARIA EXPECTED TO BEGIN HOSTILITIES ON NEW FOE OF ALLY

RAILWAY STRIKE IS IMMINENT; FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP TO RUN LINES IS CONGRESSIONAL PLAN

Situation is the Most Perilous Since the Opening of Negotiations Two Weeks Ago—Leaders in Congress Confer With President With View to Meeting Great Emergency Should Strike Result—Decision Expected in 24 Hours.

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson's negotiations for averting the threatened nation-wide strike are in the last stage, with a break or a settlement apparently not far off.

President Wilson's plan for breaking the deadlock between the railroads and their employees as discussed today was as follows:

An eight-hour law for railroads to become effective at a date far enough in the future to give the railroads opportunity to prepare for it.

A law patterned after the Canadian act which creates a commission of investigation and prevents lockouts or strikes while an industrial dispute is being investigated.

With the railway executives standing firm against conceding the eight-hour day and the brotherhood leaders still standing out against arbitrating it, the hope of preventing a tie-up of the country's transportation systems seemed to lie with Congress.

Just exactly what can be done, none of the Congressional leaders themselves seem to know. Conferences among them and with President Wilson which began last night were continued today and the President postponed his engagement with the railway executives from 10 o'clock this morning until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, to give him more time for conferences with leaders in Congress.

The situation was viewed on all sides as the most perilous since the negotiations began two weeks ago. The hope of the President and administration leaders was in the possibility of getting the brotherhood men to give more time to continue the negotiations.

Resigned to remaining in Washington to undertake any legislation in the railroad crisis, members of Congress today were studying the problem and waiting word from President Wilson.

No one except Senators who have been in conference with the President has any definite idea of what he may ask Congress to do. Many members of both houses, however, have ideas of their own.

Some Progressive Republican Senators declared that in their opinion, in the event of a strike, the President would ask Congress to direct federal receiverships to operate the railroads during the crisis. Probability of legislation for government ownership was too remote to be considered in this crisis, they declared.

House leaders have no program. Senator Kern, the majority leader, said all hope of adjournment next Friday had been abandoned. The four brotherhood heads issued a statement replying to President Rea, of Pennsylvania, who last night made an announcement that rather than give up arbitration the roads preferred to face a strike. The statement charged the Pennsylvania with inconsistency in that two years ago it fought the efforts of its shippers to organize and arbitrate. It also declared that as the controlling interest in five smaller roads it has refused them representation on the managers' conference committee and that if arbitration were agreed upon it would not apply to these roads.

The course of the brotherhoods was in the hands of a committee of 24, whom the entire committee of 640, before leaving for their homes yesterday, instructed to listen to no proposal involving arbitration of the eight-hour hour today. Strike orders were being circulated, to await telegraphic release.

The counter-proposal for arbitration was to be made to the President today by the railway executives as their first definite answer to his suggestion of a week ago for concession of the eight-hour day with ten hours' pay and arbitration of other issues. As soon as the employees' committee has rejected the executives' counter-proposal the President is expected to set in motion the congressional wheels through the leaders in both houses.

It was reported President Wilson was considering asking both sides to postpone action for a certain period. Meanwhile, it might be possible to enact legislation similar to the Canadian law, providing for investigation of labor disputes by a commission and forbidding strikes or lockouts pending inquiry. This course was being discussed seriously with the possibility that it would be put into immediate effect, thus preventing a strike without adequate public investigation.

GERMANY WARS ON RUMANIANS

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Germany has declared war on Rumania.

Germany's declaration of war on Rumania was forecast immediately after Rumania declared war on Austria-Hungary.

Turkey and Bulgaria are expected to take similar action at once.

DOCTOR'S CRIES SUMMON AID AS DEATH IMPENDS

Neighbor Forces Entrance and Finds Dr. E. H. Wood Critically Ill.

MADE SELF RECLUSE AFTER WIFE'S DEATH

Prominent Physicians Conferred in Effort to Save Life of Friend.

Dr. Eugene H. Wood, a widely known physician of this city, often referred to as the dean of the Bridgeport medical profession, is said to be in a critical condition at his home, 541 Fairfield avenue, following a sudden and protracted illness during the night of Thursday, Aug. 17, when he was alone in the house and unable to summon assistance by his cries.

Rumors circulated today that the aged physician had been beaten by thugs who had first chloroformed him and then attempted robbery are set at rest today by the many reputable physicians attending him.

Dr. Wood, who has lived the life almost as a recluse since the death of his wife last spring, was alone in the home when he was stricken with internal pain resulting from an old and unusual operation upon the gall duct. He was afflicted with extreme weakness and nausea.

Attempts upon his part to summon aid during the night were fruitless and during a part of the morning his continued efforts were so indistinct as to be little heeded from the street.

Mrs. George H. Carter, living in the adjoining house, at 554 Fairfield avenue, heard the faint moans and cries. At first she paid little attention to them, but when he crawled downstairs and managed to push open a window, she heard his moans distinctly. She summoned assistance and forced an entrance to the house.

Dr. Wood was found in a very weakened state. He was unable to say that he had been very sick and unable to get assistance. He asked that a physician be called immediately. Dr. Charles C. Godfrey, his associate, being absent from the city, Dr. Samuel M. Garlick and Dr. George Garlick responded to the telephone request of Mrs. Carter. Restoratives were prescribed and as the case appeared most serious Drs. Robert Lynch, Edwards M. Smith and William C. Watson were summoned in conference.

Dr. Wood was removed immediately to the LeVeys hospital in Norman street. He was brought home last night after relations up-state had been notified of his condition and were prepared to care for him.

Though the reported purchase of a large quantity of chloroform by a young man who was known to have visited the Wood home on Thursday morning gave rise to a rumor that an attempt had been made to chloroform the physician, it is now established by physicians attending the case that this anaesthetic is among others being used to deaden the extreme pain the patient is suffering. It is not unlikely that the patient used this remedy himself in small doses. The immediate cause of the illness (Continued on Page Two.)

DELOSS HEAD OF CORPORATION FOR HOUSING WORKERS

Million Dollar Concern Formally Organized Today at Big Meeting.

FINANCIAL EXPERTS AMONG ITS OFFICERS

Manufacturers, Bankers, and Merchants on Directors' Board.

The Bridgeport Housing Co. took its first radical step forward since its incorporation for one million dollars when subscribing stockholders and the incorporators met today formally to organize the company.

As the result of the meeting which was well attended in the offices of David S. Day this morning H. H. DeLoss was elected president with George M. Eames vice president, Charles G. Sanford, treasurer and George Gove, secretary.

An executive committee composed of the officers and these additional members was named:

DeVer H. Warner, Walter B. Lashar, John T. King, H. H. Pinney, Geo. E. Crawford and David S. Day. The directorate established at this morning's meeting includes the names of Bridgeport's foremost civic, industrial and financial heads, as follows:

Edgar W. Bassick, Waldo C. Bryant, George Crawford, Charles D. Davis, H. H. DeLoss, George M. Eames, George C. Edwards, Samuel M. Hawley, Max Henkel, George E. Hill, Robert S. Hinks, A. M. Cooper, Frederick J. Kingsbury, John T. King, Walter B. Lashar, James G. Ludlum, Angus Mackenzie, Frank Miller, Frank W. Bolande, William J. Nichols, B. D. Pierce, Charles G. Sanford, Frank P. Staples, DeVer H. Warner, A. F. Bennett, N. W. Bishop, David S. Day, H. H. Hamilton and H. H. Pinney.

Immediately after the election of officers and directors by-laws for the regulation of the company were passed in an executive session at which it is understood many details of the huge building proposition were discussed but are not yet definitely formulated for public announcement.

The executive committee will meet again on Wednesday morning.

"BACK TO FARM" DISASTROUS FOR FRED R. GRAVES

The "Back to the Farm" idea has wrecked another fortune, according to schedules in bankruptcy filed today in the United States district court by Pauline Graves and Fred R. Graves, her husband, former club and society man of New York.

The schedules referred to Referee John W. Banks for hearing show Mrs. Graves' liabilities to be \$3,250 with no assets. That of her husband discloses \$3,972.51 with no available assets. In each schedule a quantity of cap-

FUSED METAL BURNS LIMBS OF WORKMEN

Three in Hospital With Injuries Received When Molten Mass Spatters Jets of Fiery Material About Foundry Room.

Burned by molten, aluminum which splattered in a boiling pot at the plant of the George S. Young Metal Co. about 4 o'clock this morning, three employees of the company are now at St. Vincent's hospital but their injuries are not expected to result seriously. One of the men narrowly escaped having his eyes burned out by the splattering metal.

Patrick Piciani of 633 Housatonic avenue, Thomas Sporn of 197 Hurd avenue and Eugene Legg of 260 State street, were working about a cauldron in the foundry. The aluminum was being heated preparatory to pouring and the three men were getting ready to do that operation.

Legg was standing beside the melting pot and Piciani had just ladled the metal. He had backed away from the pot and Sporn was standing with another ladle in his place. Of a sudden, something splattered and an explosive sound was followed with the shouts of the three workmen. Other employees of the foundry hurried to their assistance and found that the metal had splattered about them.

First aid was rendered the three men while a call was sent in for the ambulance. Legg was severely burned about the face and head and the metal narrowly escaped going in his eyes. Piciani suffered second degree burns of the left arm. All were treated by Dr. C. C. Taylor and then taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

DUNN MARSHAL FOR BRIDGEPORT MEN IN PARADE

C. L. U. President Will Lead Delegation at State Federation Convention.

Jaspe McLevy will represent the Bridgeport Central Labor union at the meeting of the State Federation of Labor in Hartford next week. James J. Dunn, president of the C. L. U., has been appointed grand marshal of the Bridgeport division of the Labor Day parade.

A short parade will be held here prior to boarding the special train, which will leave at 8 o'clock. The procession will form at 7:15 o'clock in Cannon street and march to the railroad station. There will be one delegate for every 100 hundred union members in Bridgeport.

WOMAN WRESTS VALUABLE BOOTY FROM PROWLER

Seizes Foot of Intruder and Then Seizes From Him Package of Jewelry.

In a struggle with a burglar whom she found in her room about 2:30 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Michael J. Grant, 241 Lewis street, succeeded in wresting the booty from the intruder and when he escaped he had only a bracelet. Mrs. Grant after the struggle, collapsed and today was said by other persons at her home, to be in a highly excited and nervous state.

Mrs. Grant awoke to find someone prowling about her room, on the first floor of the house. Jumping from her bed she grasped the man who had taken most of the jewelry from the bureau and made a package of it, ready to escape. He fought her off but she got the jewelry with the exception of the bracelet. He made an attempt to jump through a window and Mrs. Grant grabbed one of his feet but he soon succeeded in freeing himself and escaped.

Information of the burglary was sent to the third precinct police station and Sergeant George Benedict investigated the robbery. Search of the neighborhood failed to reveal any clues of the thief.

Antonio Federici, wanted for the murder of two policemen in Little Falls, N. J., last December, was arrested at Newburgh, N. Y.

Fourteenth Nation Joins in World Struggle, Crown Council Promulgating War Decree Against Austria Shortly After Italy Formally Opens War on Germany—Germany and Her Other Allies Will War on Rumania Within Next 24 Hours, is Belief—Federal Council Convenes at Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Fighting has begun between Rumanian and Teutonic troops on the Transylvanian frontier, the official announcement of today indicates. The statement says Rumanians have been taken prisoner.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Rumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening, it is announced officially here. The announcement follows:

"The Rumanian government yesterday evening declared war on Austria-Hungary.

"The federal council has been convoked for an immediate sitting."

Germany and Her Allies to Act

London, Aug. 28.—Germany probably will declare war on Rumania within 24 hours, after which Turkey and Bulgaria are expected to do likewise, according to a despatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The despatch from The Hague says the German federal unit met this morning on receipt of the news of Rumania's declaration of war against Austria.

The Rumanian legation in Berlin is being guarded by the police, these advices say, as stones were thrown through the windows of the Italian embassy in Berlin yesterday.

Crown Council Declares War

Paris, Aug. 28.—Rumania's decision to enter the war was reached at a meeting of the Crown Council held at Bucharest yesterday morning, says a Havas despatch from Geneva. The Wolff Agency announces that the German federal council was convoked immediately after the decision became known.

Rumanians' Decree Received at Vienna

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—The note declaring that Rumania from 9 o'clock Sunday evening considered herself in a state of war with Austria-Hungary, was presented to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister last night by the Rumanian minister at Vienna.

A Bucharest despatch received yesterday stated that King Ferdinand, of Rumania, had convened a conference of representatives of all the political parties with the idea of ascertaining the views of all sections of public opinion.

The Wolff Bureau, which makes the announcement that Rumania has cast her fortunes with the entente allies, is a semi-official German news agency which frequently is used as an avenue for making public official announcements.

Rumania is the fourteenth nation to join in the war. Her intervention either on the side of the entente allies or the central powers has been awaited with concern by both since the beginning of the great conflict.

This is due not entirely to Rumania's military strength but also to the strategic advantages of her geographical position and the fact that her entry into the struggle opens to the Russian army a gateway through Rumania to attack the Bulgarians from the north, while the allied army, having its base at Saloniki attacks them and their German allies from the south.

Rumania, with a population of 6,800,000 and an army estimated at 580,000, often has been described as one of the most thoroughly equipped and disciplined in Europe. Lately, however, it has been stated that Rumanian officers are ill-trained and undisciplined, that Rumania has no heavy artillery and that its flying service is inferior. Some advocates of Rumania's participation in the war have asserted that she could mobilize as many as 1,000,000 men. The mobilization of her army has been in progress for months and a few days ago it was reported to be complete.

The motive which prompts Rumania to enter the war is the satisfaction of her "national aspirations" described by Take Ionescu, the Rumanian liberal leader, as the "policy of national insistence." Concisely, this means national expansion. In the southern half of Bukovina, the Austrian crownland, the Rumanians are the dominant race. It is said 4,000,000 Rumanians live in Transylvania.

Rumania has been credited with a long-cherished ambition to annex these provinces and at the same time "liberate" the Rumanians now under Austrian domination.

Rumania also covets Bessarabia, the extreme southwestern province of Russia, on the Black Sea, which was taken from her by the Berlin treaty of 1878. Reports have stated that Russia also has consented to restore Bessarabia as a war prize, with its population of 2,000,000, mostly Rumanians, and an area of 20,000 square miles.

Rumania has a border line as long as the whole Russian western war front on which to choose her point of military attack. In what direction (Continued on Page Two.)

Rumanian War Decree Causes Drop in Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Rumania's declaration of war smashed the wheat market. Opening prices showed a fall in some cases amounting to 5 1/2 cents a bushel. September delivery, which closed Saturday at \$1.51 3/4, started today at \$1.46 to \$1.48 1/4. Other options also broke wildly.

General rushes to sell took place which were increased by the increased chances of a general railway strike in the United States.

Before the decline could be checked, an extreme drop of 8 1/2 cents a bushel had been recorded. The tremendous pressure to unload holdings carried away for a while all other considerations, the extraordinary break proved too tempting for buyers to resist and the market showed the consequence in rallies of three cents to 3 1/2 cents from the lowest level.

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The action of Rumania was likely to prove a big factor in forcing a more speedy end of hostilities or would at least tend to hurry the opening of the Dardanelles and so release huge Russian shipments of wheat.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: showers this afternoon or tonight. Tuesday fair; light, northwest winds.